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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 2, 3/2, 5-7, 16/1, drawn to specifics of mirror shape change, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- II. Claim 3/1, drawn to lens shifting, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- III. Claim 8, drawn to the mirror periphery, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- IV. Claim 9, drawn to lens structure, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- V. Claim 10, drawn to maximum deformation/focal length ratio, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- VI. Claim 11, drawn to maximum deformation/area ration, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- VII. Claim 12, drawn to voltage of deformation, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- VIII. Claims 13-15 and 16/13, drawn to power/focal length ratio, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- IX. Claims 17-19, drawn to lens/system focal length ratio, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- X. Claim 20, drawn to chief ray angle, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- XI. Claim 21, drawn to lens unit magnification, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.
- XII. Claim 22, drawn to system length/focal length ratio, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.

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XIII. Claims 23 and 24, drawn to lens shift/focal length ratio, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.

XIV. Claims 25-27, drawn to lens tilt, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.

XV. Claim 28, drawn to lens shift and tilt, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.

XVI. Claim 29, drawn to a stop, classified in class 359, subclass 846+.

Claims 1 and 4 link(s) some of the invention groups I-XVI. The restriction requirement among the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim(s), claim 1 and 4. Upon the allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Applicant(s) are advised that if any such claim(s) depending from or including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) is/are presented in a continuation or divisional application, the claims of the continuation or divisional application may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 44 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I-XVI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be

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separately usable. In the instant case, invention separate utility is evidenced by the fact that the inventions are separately claimed; i.e. the claims of invention I evidence that the combination does not rely on the details of the inventions II-XVI for patentability, the claims of invention II evidence that the combination does not rely on the details of inventions I and III-XVI for patentability, etc.... See MPEP § 806.05(d).

These inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter. Further, the searches required are not coextensive. Therefore, the restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Further, this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A: The embodiment as shown in Fig. 1;

Species B: The embodiment as shown in Fig. 4;

Species C: The embodiment as shown in Fig. 7.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, at least claims 1 and 4 appear to be generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

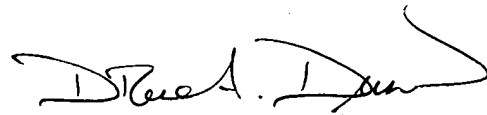
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Consilvio whose telephone number is (571) 272-2453. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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